- 11. A cosmetic preparation, comprising:
- (a) water soluble β -(1,3)-glucans, which exclusively show B-(1,3) linkages in side chains and are substantially free from β -(1,6) linkages, and
 - (b) chitosans.
- 12. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the chitosans have a molecular weight of around 50,000 to 500,000 Daltons.
- 13. The preparation of claim 1, wherein the chitosans have a molecular weight of around 800,000 to 1,200,000 Daltons.
- 14. The preparation of claim 1, wherein said preparation comprises carboxylated chitosans.
- 15. The preparation of claim 1, wherein said preparation comprises succinilated chitosans.
- 16. The preparation of claim 1, wherein said preparation comprises
 - (a) 0.01 to 25% by weight of said β -(1,3) glucans, and
 - (b) 0.01 to 5% by weight of chitosans,

provided that the stated amounts are supplemented with water as well as optionally other auxiliaries and additional agents up to 100% by weight.

- 17. A method of treating aging of the skin on a patient in need thereof comprising applying to the skin a preparation comprising:
- (a) water soluble β -(1,3)-glucans, which exclusively show β -(1,3) linkages in side chains and are substantially free from β -(1,6) linkages, and
 - (b) chitosans.
- 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the chitosans have a molecular weight of around 50,000 to 500,000 Daltons.
- 19. The method of claim 17, wherein the chitosans have a molecular weight of around 800,000 to 1,200,000 Daltons.
- 20. The method of claim 17, wherein said method comprises carboxylated chitosans.
- 21. The method of claim 17, wherein said method comprises succinilated chitosans.
- 22. The method of claim 17, wherein said method comprises
 - (a) 0.01 to 25% by weight of said β -(1,3) glucans, and
 - (b) 0.01 to 5% by weight of chitosans,



provided that the stated amounts are supplemented with water as well as optionally other auxiliaries and additional agents up to 100% by weight.

- 23. A method of treating rough skin on a patient in need thereof, comprising applying to the skin a composition comprising:
- (a) water soluble β -(1,3)-glucans, which exclusively show β -(1,3) linkages in side chains and are substantially free from β -(1,6) linkages, and
 - (b) chitosans.
- 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the chitosans have a molecular weight of around 50,000 to 500,000 Daltons.
- 25. The method of claim 23, wherein the chitosans have a molecular weight of around 800,000 to 1,200,000 Daltons.
- 26. The method of claim 23, wherein said method comprises carboxylated chitosans.
- 27. The method of claim 23, wherein said method comprises succinilated chitosans.
- 28. The method of claim 23, wherein said method comprises
 - (a) 0.01 to 25% by weight of said β -(1,3) glucans, and
 - (b) 0.01 to 5% by weight of chitosans,

provided that the stated amounts are supplemented with water as well as optionally other auxiliaries and additional agents up to 100% by weight.